

AN
ORDINANCE
OF THE
Lords & Commons

Assembled in
PARLIAMENT,
FOR
The speedy dividing and settling
the severall Counties of this King-
dom into distinct
CLASSICAL PRESBYTERIES
AND
Congregational Elderships.

Die Mercurii, 1 Martii, 1647.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament,
That this Ordinance be forthwith printed and pub-
lished:

H: Ellynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Honorable House of Commons, 1647.

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Die Sabbathi, 29 Ianuarii, 1647.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, For the speedy dividing and settling the several Counties of this Kingdom into distinct Classical Presbyteries, and Congregational Elderships.

The Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, being resolved speedily and more effectually to settle the Presbyterial Government, do Ordain, and be it Ordained by the Authority of the same, That the Committees and Commissioners for the Sixty thousand pounds per annum, or any three or more of them of the several Counties of this

Kingdom, With the assistance of
 such Ministers and others as they
 shall think fit, do forthwith meet;
 and divide their respective Coun-
 ties into distinct Classical Presby-
 teries, Where they are not already
 divided, and certify such Divisions
 of the said several Classes, which
 they either have, or shall make, to
 the Committee of Lords and Com-
 mons for judging of Scandal; to-
 gether with the Names of such
 Ministers and others as are fit to
 be of each Classis: And that the
 Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors,
 and Heads of the Universities, do
 likewise consider how the Col-
 ledges may be put into Classical
 Presbyteries, and do before the
 Twentysixth of March next, cer-
 tify the same up to the said Com-
 mittee of Lords and Commons,
 according to the Ordinance of Par-
 liament, Dated the Nineteenth
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of AUGUST, One thousand six hundred forty five; which Committee of Lords and Commons is required to approve and consent the same as they shall think fit, immediately upon receipt of such Certificates; after which said Approbation of such Classical Presbyteries, or any of them, by the said Committee of Lords and Commons, the said Classical Presbyteries shall, and hereby have power within their several Precincts, to constitute Congregational Elderships, according to the aforesaid Ordinance of the Nineteenth of AUGUST, One thousand six hundred forty five. And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committee of Lords and Commons shall have power to bound the Provincial Assemblies in this Kingdom, and to increase the number of
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of Delegates which are or shall be
sent to any Provincial Assembly
as they shall think fit. And the
said Committee of Lords and
Commons shall also have power
to constitute Juries within the
Province of London, where need
shall require.

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Die Mercurii, 1 Martii, 1647.

WHereas an Ordinance of Parliament was lately passed for the more speedy and effectual establishment of the Presbyterial Government in the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, and that by the said Ordinance the Clasis of the severall counties were appointed to be returned by the Five and twentieth day of March; It is now Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That the first day of May next be appointed for the returning of the said Clases; And that the severall counties do return their severall Clases by the first day of May next accordingly.

H: Elfyngge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Die Mercurii, 1 Martii, 1647.

Ordere*d* by the Commons in Par-
liament assembled, That Two thou-
sand copies of the Ordinance lately
passed, for the speedy and effectual esta-
blishment of the Presbyterial Govern-
ment in the Kingdom of England and Do-
minion of Wales, be forthwith printed
and published; And that the Knights and
Burgesses of the several Counties, Cities
and Boroughs do give order, That the
said copies be sent unto the several Coun-
ties, Cities and Boroughs, to be distributed
and published in the several Counties,
Cities and places for which they serve.

H: Elfyngge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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